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GIVEN FACT THAT DOBREYNIN'S DENIAL OF SOVIET COMPLICITY AND AMIN'S BRIEFING OF FOREIGN PRESS (REFTEL) ARE SUBSTANTIALLY AT VARIANCE WITH OUR FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF AFFAIR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HANDLING OF FOREIGN PRESS HERE IN KABUL. TO THE EXTENT WE RESPOND CANDIDLY TO FURTHER PRESS QUERIES HERE, WE WILL BE DIRECTLY CONTRADICTING HOST GOVERNMENT AND USSR. AMSTUTZ

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